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For : GENETICALLY MODIFIED MICROORGANISMS, PLASMID
AND FERMENTATION PROCESS WITH THE PRESENCE OF
FLOCCULATION REGULATED BY MEDIUM CHANGES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.